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In re Application of JOST

Application No. 10/031,160

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For: SEAL FOR MEDIUM-CONDUCTING COMPONENTS

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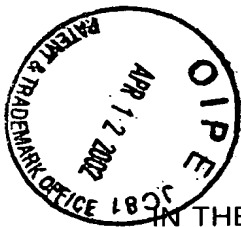
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. A copy of each reference or its U.S. equivalent is enclosed. The references were cited in a German search report drawn up by the German Patent Office on the priority application, and in an International search report drawn up by the European Patent Office on the PCT application of which the present application forms the national stage. A copy of the search reports are also enclosed, which satisfies the requirement for a brief explanation of relevance of foreign language documents.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to

antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Certification


This Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in respect of the present application, and this Statement is thus being filed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b). In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of these documents. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the

Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over these references.

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